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1. VEB Gaselan Berlin has an order to build a gas plant (Gaswerk) for the radio factory which East Germany is to provide for Communist China known as the DOC project. The gas plant is designated as DOC-53. VEB Gaselan is experiencing difficulties in obtaining the 102 metric tons of sheet metal (Blech) and 45 metric tons of bar steel (Stabstahl) required for the construction of the plant. These amounts are lacking from the 500 metric tons required for the entire DOC project and, consequently, the delivery deadline has been moved up [redacted]  
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2. Completed components of the DOC project are to be transported to China through the USSR by rail because it is feared that the Chinese Nationalists would intercept and impound ships en route to Communist China.
3. Employees of VEB Gaselan consider it strange that the Communist Chinese officials who placed the order specified that the components must be transported in crates made of especially good, knot-free wood, planed on one side.

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